## Remarks

Attorney for Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the recent Supplemental Notice of Allowability of February 17, 2010 providing further clarification regarding the status of Claim 2-4, 6 and 8-15.

The Examiner also states in the Supplemental Notice of Allowability "that any additional comments considered necessary by the applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee". Attorney for Applicant would like to confirm that the required issue fee was already submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 9, 2009 as can be proven by the below noted exhibits:

- Issue Fee transmittal PTOL-85 showing that the issue fee was in fact applied to deposit account 08-2789 on September 10, 2009. (Exhibit A)
- A copy of the Bibliographic Data provided to the United States PAIR website.
  (Exhibit B)

Attorney for Applicant respectfully requests that the above noted United States patent application continue through to issuance. Should the Examiner have any questions in regard to this matter, he is respectfully requested to contact the attorney noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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